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# **Appendix I: Information About Cases and Forms**

# A. Information About Current Status Of Cases, Settings, Etc. (Judges' Letter Designation Before Name)

Information concerning the status of cases, motion settings, pretrial settings, trial settings or other scheduling information is kept by either the courtroom deputy or the judge's secretary. This information may be obtained by calling:

Chief Judge Jerry BUCHMEYER	214/753-2295
Judge Mary Lou ROBINSON	806/324-2355
Judge A. Joe <b>FISH</b>	214/753-2310 (civil)
	214/753-2315 (criminal)
Judge Sidney A. FITZWATER	214/753-2336
Judge Sam R. CUMMINGS	806/472-7359
Judge John H. McBRYDE	817/978-7574
Judge Jorge A. <b>SOLIS</b>	214/753-2346
Judge Terry R. <b>MEANS</b>	817/978-4207
Judge Joe KENDALL	214/753-2355
Judge Sam A. LINDSAY	214/753-2365
Judge Barbara M.G. LYNN	214/753-2420
Senior Judge Eldon B. MAHON	817/978-2011
Senior Judge Barefoot SANDERS	214/753-2375
Senior Judge Robert B. MALONEY	214/753-2320
	Judge Mary Lou ROBINSON Judge A. Joe FISH  Judge Sidney A. FITZWATER Judge Sam R. CUMMINGS Judge John H. McBRYDE Judge Jorge A. SOLIS Judge Terry R. MEANS Judge Terry R. MEANS Judge Sam A. LINDSAY Judge Barbara M.G. LYNN Senior Judge Eldon B. MAHON Senior Judge Barefoot SANDERS

# B. Information About Entry Of Legal Documents And Orders

**Dallas Division** 

Each civil case is assigned (1) to a judge by random draw and (2) to a docket clerk who maintains the recording of the documents filed by the Clerk by the judge's letter designation in the civil action number. For information about what legal documents have actually been filed and entered on the official docket sheet, call:

**Abilene Division** 

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For Case Numbers End	ling:	All Cases:	915/677-6311
R	214/753-2176		
G	214/753-2179		
T	214/753-2175	<b>Amarillo Division</b>	
D	214/753-2180		
P	214/753-2183	All Cases:	806/324-2352
X	214/753-2177		
Н	214/753-2184		
L	214/753-2181		
M	214/753-2182		
Other judges			
Dallas cases only	214/753-2184		

# Fort Worth Division San Angelo Division

For Case Numbers Ending: All Cases: 915/655-4506

A 817/978-0020 Y 817/978-0018

E 817/978-3657 Wichita Falls Division

Other judges All Cases: 940/767-1902

Fort Worth cases only 817/978-0020

# **Lubbock Division**

All Cases: 806/472-7624

# C. Summons in a Civil Action

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☐ 120 Marine ☐ 130 Miller Act	316 Airpiane 315 Airpiane Product	☐ 362 Personal Injury - Med Malpractice	☐ 620 Other Food & Drug ☐ 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881	☐ 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157	☐ 430 Banks and Banking ☐ 450 Commerce/ICC Rates/etc
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#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS-44

Authority For Civil Cover Sheet

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replaces nor supplements the filings and service of pleading or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. Consequently a civil cover sheet is submitted to the Clerk of Court for each civil complaint filed. The attorney filing a case should complete the form as follows:

- 1. (a) Plaintiffs Defendants. Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence. For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys. Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction. The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a). F.R.C.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.

United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.

United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.

Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.

Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.)

- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties. This section of the JS-44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Origin. Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.

Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.

Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441. When the petition for removal is granted, check this box.

Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.

Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.

Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.

Multidistrict Litigation. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407. When this box is checked, do not check (5) above.

Appeal to District Judge from Magistrate Judgment. (7) Check this box for an appeal from a magistrate judge's decision.

- V. Nature of Suit. Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If the nature of suit cannot be determined, be sure the cause of action, in Section IV above, is sufficient to enable the deputy clerk or the statistical clerks in the Administrative Office to determine the nature of suit. If the cause fits more than one nature of suit, select the most definitive.
- VI. Cause of Action. Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause.
- VII. Requested in Complaint. Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23. F.R.Cv.P.

Demand. In this space enter the dollar amount (in thousands of dollars) being demanded or indicate other demand such as a preliminary injunction.

Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.

VIII. Related Cases. This section of the JS-44 is used to reference related pending cases if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

# **Appendix II: Table of Divisions**

The following table sets forth the official number and name of each Division of the Northern District of Texas, the counties that each Division encompasses, and the name, mailing address, and telephone number of the Clerk, the District Judges, the Magistrate, and the Bankruptcy Judges for each Division.

#### 1. Abilene Division

Comprises the counties of Callahan, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Howard, Jones, Mitchell, Nolan, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, and Throckmorton.

Ms. Marsha <b>ELLIOTT</b> , Deputy-in-Charge	 915/677-6311
341 Pine Street, Room 2008	
Abilene, Texas 79601-5928	

#### 2. Amarillo Division

Comprises the counties of Armstrong, Brisco, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher, and Wheeler.

<sup>\*</sup> Part-time Magistrate Judge

**3.** 

Ms. Lynn <b>SHERMAN</b> , Divisional Manager	806/324-2352
Judge Mary Lou <b>ROBINSON</b> 205 E. Fifth Street, Room 226 Amarillo, Texas 79189-1559	806/324-2354
Magistrate Judge Clinton E. <b>AVERITTE</b> 205 E. Fifth Street, Room 326 Amarillo, Texas 79189-1559	806/324-2335
Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. <b>JONES</b>	806/472-5020
Dallas Division	
Comprises the counties of Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, a	nd Rockwall.
Ms. Karen <b>MITCHELL</b> , Clerk of Court for recorded information: 1100 Commerce Street, Room 14A20 for assistance: Dallas, Texas 75242-1495	
Chief Judge Jerry <b>BUCHMEYER</b>	214/753-2295
Judge A. Joe <b>FISH</b> 1100 Commerce Street, Room 15D6L Dallas, Texas 75242-1597	214/753-2310
Judge Sidney A. <b>FITZWATER</b>	214/753-2333
Judge Jorge A. <b>SOLIS</b> 1100 Commerce Street, Room 16G36 Dallas, Texas 75242	214/753-2342

Judge Joe <b>KENDALL</b>
Judge Sam A. <b>LINDSAY</b>
Judge Barbara M.G. <b>LYNN</b>
Senior Judge Barefoot <b>SANDERS</b>
Senior Judge Robert <b>MALONEY</b>
Magistrate Judge Wm. F. <b>SANDERSON</b> , Jr
Magistrate Judge Jane J. <b>BOYLE</b>
Magistrate Judge Jeff <b>KAPLAN</b>
Magistrate Judge Paul D. <b>STICKNEY</b>

4.

Chief Bankruptcy Judge Robert C. <b>McGUIRE</b>
Bankruptcy Judge Steven A. <b>FELSENTHAL</b>
Bankruptcy Judge Barbara J. <b>HOUSER</b>
Bankruptcy Judge Harold C. <b>ABRAMSON</b>
Fort Worth Division
Comprises the counties of Comanche, Erath, Hood, Jack, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, and Wise.
Ms. Pam <b>MURPHY</b> , Manager for recorded information: 817/978-3132 501 West 10th Street, Room 310 for assistance: 817/978-0023 Fort Worth, Texas 76102
Judge John H. <b>McBRYDE</b>
Judge Terry R. <b>MEANS</b>
Senior Judge Eldon B. <b>MAHON</b>
Magistrate Judge Charles <b>BLEIL</b>

	Bankruptcy Judge Massie <b>TILLMAN</b>
	Bankruptcy Judge Barbara J. <b>HOUSER</b>
5.	Lubbock Division
	Comprises the counties of Bailey, Borden, Cochran, Crosby, Dawson, Dickens, Floyd, Gaines, Garza, Hale, Hockley, Kent, Lamb, Lubbock, Lynn, Motley, Scurry, Terry, and Yoakum.
	Ms. Kristy <b>WEINHEIMER</b> , Deputy-in-Charge
	Judge Sam R. <b>CUMMINGS</b>
	Magistrate Judge Nancy <b>KOENIG</b>
	Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. <b>JONES</b>
6.	San Angelo Division
	Comprises the counties of Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crocket, Glasscock, Irion, Menard, Mills, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, and Tom Green.
	Ms. Beverly <b>ROPER</b> , Deputy-in-Charge
	Judge Sam R. <b>CUMMINGS</b>

Appendix II, continued
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	Magistrate Judge Nancy <b>KOENIG</b>	806/472-7380
	Magistrate Judge Phillip R. <b>LANE</b> *  P.O. Box 5460  San Angelo, Texas 76902	915/653-1313
	* Part-time Magistrate Judge	
	Bankruptcy Judge Robert L. <b>JONES</b>	806/742-5020
7.	nita Falls Division	
	Comprises the counties of Archer, Baylor, Clay, Cottle, Foard, Hardeman, Montague, Wichita, Wilbarger, and Young.	King, Knox,
	Ms. Allison <b>TERRY</b> , Deputy-in-Charge	940/767-1902
	Judge Jerry <b>BUCHMEYER</b> 1100 Commerce Street, Rm. 15D28A Dallas, Texas 75242	214/753-2295
	Magistrate Judge Robert Kerry <b>ROACH*</b> 912 First Republic Bank Building Wichita Falls, Texas 76301-2268	940/322-7856
	Bankruptcy Judge Massie <b>TILLMAN</b>	817/978-3934

<sup>\*</sup> Part-time Magistrate Judge

## Appendix III: Index of Miscellaneous Orders\*

- 1. Order Establishing the Procedure for Issuance of Orders for Entry on Premises to Effect Levy by Internal Revenue Service [*Adopted 9-26-77*, *Amended 2-16-79*].
- 2. Standing Order on Probation Conditions [*Adopted 8-28-64*].
- 3. Order Adopting the Plan for Representation of Defendants Under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 [Adopted 8-20-65, Amended 12-30-93].
- 4. Standing Order Establishing Reporters' Rates for Transcripts [*Adopted 11-7-66*, *Amended 10-24-86*] [See LR 80.1 and LCrR 57.6].
- 5. Order Relating to the Selection of Grand and Petit Jurors in the Northern District of Texas [Adopted 9-13-68, Amended 3-16-93].
- 6. Order for the Adoption of Rules for the Exercise of Powers and Performance of Duties by United States Magistrates [*Adopted 1-20-71*, *Amended 12-21-93*] [See Appendix V].
- 7. Order Relating to the Disposition of Minor Offenses [*Adopted 3-15-71*, *Amended 5-5-93*] [See LCrR 58.1].
- 8. Order Adopting the Plan for Achieving Prompt Disposition of Criminal Cases [*Adopted 3-6-73*, *Amended 6-23-80*].
- 9. Order on Payment of Fees for Attorneys Appointed Under the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 [Adopted 3-26-73, Amended 4-14-87].
- Order Requiring Civil Cover Sheet for All Cases Filed as Civil Actions [*Adopted 8-15-73*] [See LR 3.1 and Appendix I-D].
- 11. Standing Orders Relating to Bankruptcy Matters [Adopted 7-28-75, Amended 9-30-79] [Historical Only].
- 12. Order Providing for the Fixing of Conditions of Release [*Adopted 2-27-76*] [Historical Only].
- 13. Order Establishing Procedures for Handling Petitions and/or Motions for Post Conviction Relief Under 28 U.S.C. 2254 and 2255 [*Adopted 3-18-77*] [See LR 5.4].
- 14. Order Establishing Procedure for Handling Prisoner Civil Rights Actions [*Adopted 12-16-77*] [See LR 5.3].
- 15. Order Governing Applications to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* [Adopted 12-16-77] [See LR 83.6].

<sup>\*</sup> Dates of amendments reflect most recent amendment for each miscellaneous order.

- 16. Order Establishing Procedure for Admission to Practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 12-16-77*, *Amended 4-27-93*] [See LR 83.7 and LCrR 57.7].
- 17. Order Adopting Local Rules of Practice [*Adopted 12-16-77, Amended 7-1-85*] [Now Special Order 2-1].
- 18. Order Establishing Special Miscellaneous Order Files and Repealing Previously Existing Local Rules and Miscellaneous Orders [*Adopted 12-16-77*] [Now Special Order 1-2] [See LR 83.2 and LCrR 57.2].
- 19. Order Sealing All Notifications of Disclosure of Grand Jury Material Pursuant to Rule 6(e)(2)(A)(ii) and Rule 6(e)(2)(B), Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure [*Adopted 12-5-77*] [Now Special Order 5-1].
- 20. Order Establishing the Procedure for Service of Civil Process and Central Violation Summons [Adopted 3-2-78, Repealed by Miscellaneous Order No. 30 4-1-81] [Historical Only].
- 21. Order Concerning Civil Jury Composition [*Adopted 4-7-78*, *Amended 5-29-80*] [Historical Only] [Not adopted as a Local Rule].
- 22. Order Concerning the Creation of Three New District Judgeships in the Northern District of Texas and the Orderly Assignment of Cases Pending on the Docket [*Adopted 10-27-78*, *Amended 5-13-82*] [Now Special Order 3-1].
- 23. Order Establishing the Procedure for Issuance of Inspection Warrants for Entry on Premises by Compliance Officers of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor [Adopted 12-4-78].
- 24. Order Adopting the Model Federal Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement [*Adopted 12-7-78*, *Repealed 3-25-87*] [See LR 83.8 and LCrR 57.8].
- 25. Order Establishing Simplified Procedures for the United States of America to Take Money Judgment by Default [*Adopted 4-3-79*] [See LR 55.2].
- 26. Order Regarding Petition for Disclosure of Presentence or Probation Records [*Adopted 6-18-79*, *Amended 6-1-90*].
- 27. Order Amending Rule 11.3 of the Local Rules of Practice Before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 7-9-80*] [Historical Only] [See LR 79.2 and LCrR 55.2].
- 28. Order Adopting Affirmative Action Plan for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 7-11-80. Amended 5-18-93*] [Now Special Order No. 17].

- 29. Order Amending Local Rules 2.2 and 6.1(b) [Adopted 10-24-80, Amended 6-24-83] [Historical Only] [See LR 5.2].
- 30. Order Establishing Procedures for Service of Civil Process--Repealing Miscellaneous Order No. 20 [*Adopted 4-1-81, Amended 7-28-81*] [Historical Only].
- 31. Order Relating to Persons Detained/Incarcerated for Attendance at Criminal Trial as Witness [Adopted 4-15-81].
- 32. Order Establishing Procedures Following Appeal in Criminal Cases [Adopted 10-21-81].
- 33. Order Pertaining to Bankruptcy Judges Authority [Adopted 10-4-82, Amended 12-19-84].
- 34. Order Adopting the Plan for the Management of Court Reporting for the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 2-1-83*, *Amended 7-21-92*].
- 35. Order Exempting Cases From Schedule and Planning Mandates of Rule 16(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure [*Adopted 9-16-83*, *Amended 1-16-84*] [See LR 16.1].
- 36. Order Establishing Procedures for Seeking Stay of Enforcement of State Court Judgment or Order [Adopted 12-5-83].
- 37. Order Amending Local Rule 5.1(e) Responding to Motions, Time for Responses, Provision for Reply; New Local Rule 8.1(c) Designation of Expert Witnesses; New Local Rule 12.2 Request for Attorney's Fees [*Adopted 1-16-84*] [Historical Only] [See LR 7.1, LR 26.2, LCrR 16.1, and LCrR 47.1].
- 38. Order Concerning the Requirement and Need for United States Marshals in All Criminal Proceedings in the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 12-17-84*] [Now Special Order 6-1].
- 39. Order Pertaining to Interim Appointment of United States Attorney for the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 6-17-85*] [Historical Only].
- 40. Order Pertaining to Firearms Policy for the United States Probation Office, Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 12-16-85*, *Amended 2/21/97*] [Now Special Order 7-1].
- 41. Order Pertaining to Clerk Accepting and Disbursing All Restitution Payments Other Than Those Payable to the United States, for Offenses Committed On or After January 1, 1985 [Adopted 1-27-86] [Now Special Order 10-1].
- 42. Order Pertaining to the Schedule Adopted for the Supervision of Grand Jury Proceedings by the United States District Judges of the Dallas Division of the Northern District of Texas [*Adopted 4-14-86*, *Amended 1-26-87*] [Now Special Order 5-2].
- 43. Order Pertaining to the Criminal Docket in the Dallas Division and the Assignment of Cases on Such Docket To Include the Name of the Honorable Sidney A. Fitzwater [*Adopted 4-17-86*] [Now Special Order 3-2].

- 44. Order Establishing Length of Briefs and Requiring Table of Contents and Table of Authorities in Briefs Which Exceed Ten Pages in Length [*Adopted 12-23-88*] [See LR 7.2 and LCrR 47.2].
- 45. Order Regarding Deposit in Court Pursuant to Rule 67 of the Civil Rules [*Adopted 6-23-89*, *Amended 11-15-96*].
- 46. Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan [Adopted 3-22-93].
- 47. Order Adopting Rules Governing Practice Before this Court by Law Students and Unlicensed Law Graduates [*Adopted 10-27-93*].
- 48. Order Enforcing Sanctions Imposed by Another Federal Court in Texas [Adopted 11-16-93].
- 49. Order Regarding Matters Pertaining to Court Interpreters [Adopted 8-16-93, Amended 8-30-93].
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### Appendix V: Excerpts From Miscellaneous Order No. 6

#### Rule 1

# Powers and Duties of Magistrates under 28 U.S.C. § 636(a)

All United States magistrates serving within the territorial jurisdiction of the Northern District of Texas shall have the power and duty to:

- (a) Process criminal complaints and issue appropriate warrants or summons.
- (b) Issue search warrants.
- (c) Conduct initial appearances.
- (d) Impose conditions of release and admit persons to bail.

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(p) Upon the consent of the defendant, conduct trial of persons accused of, and sentence persons convicted of misdemeanor offenses, including petty offenses (a misdemeanor, the penalty for which does not exceed imprisonment for a period of six months or a fine of not more than \$500.00, or both) pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3401. . .

## Rule 2

# Additional Powers and Duties of Magistrates under 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)

Upon entry of an order of reference by a District Judge, or when required to do so under the provisions of a local rule or general order of this Court, a magistrate may perform any of the following additional duties,. . .

# (a) Criminal Proceedings.

- (1) General supervision of the criminal calendar, including calendar calls and motions to expedite or postpone the trial of the case.
- (2) Conduct of post indictment and post information arraignments, acceptance of not guilty pleas, and the ordering of a presentence report on a defendant who signifies the desire to plead guilty.
- (3) Conduct of pretrial conferences, omnibus hearings, and related proceedings.

## (b) Prisoner Petitions

(1) Review of petitions of state prisoners seeking post conviction relief from state custody under 28 U.S.C. 2254 and other petitions of state prisoners seeking to attack the fact or duration of their state confinement....

- (2) Review of motions of federal prisoners for vacation of sentence under 28 U.S.C. 2255, and review of other petitions of federal prisoners for relief from custody.
- (3) The review of civil suits by prisoners for deprivation of civil rights arising out of conditions of confinement under 42 U.S.C. 1983 and related statutes...

## (c) Civil Proceedings.

- (1) General supervision of the civil calendar, including the handling of calendar calls and motions to expedite or postpone the trial of cases.
- (2) Conduct of preliminary and final pretrial conferences, status calls and settlement conferences, and the formulation of preparation of pretrial orders.
- (3) Hearing and determining pretrial procedural and discovery motions and any other motion or pretrial matter which is not specifically enumerated as an exception to 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(A).
- (4) The review of motions:
  - (A) for injunctive relief,
  - (B) to dismiss for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted,
  - (C) to involuntarily dismiss an action,
  - (D) to vacate or set aside default judgments,
  - (E) to dismiss or permit the maintenance of a class action,
  - (F) for judgment on the pleadings, or
  - (G) for summary judgment

including the conduct of all necessary evidentiary and other hearings or oral arguments thereon, and the submission of reports and recommendations to the District Judge assigned to the case.

(5) All the duties of a District Judge prescribed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 16.

# (d) Special Master References.

- (1) Serving as a special master in accordance with Rule 53, Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: hearing testimony and submitting a report and findings on complicated issues in jury cases or in matters of account, difficult computation of damages and exceptional conditions in nonjury cases.
- (3) Serving as a special master in any matter with the consent of the parties.

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(5) Conducting evidentiary hearings and preparing findings in employment discrimination cases under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 whenever a judge has not scheduled a case for trial within 120 days after issue has been joined and upon reference to the magistrate by a District Judge.

# (e) Administrative Proceedings.

(1) Reviewing the record of administrative proceedings in suits for judicial review of final decisions of administrative agencies and submitting to the district judge to whom the case is assigned a report and recommendations as to (a) whether there are any defects in the agency proceedings which rise to the level of a deprivation of due process or a violation of a statute or regulations, (b) whether there should be a remand to the agency for additional factual determinations to complete the record, and (c) whether there is substantial evidence in the record to support the ultimate decision of the agency.

#### (f) Miscellaneous Duties.

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- (8) Administer the Court's Criminal Justice Act Plan, including maintenance of a list of eligible attorneys, appoint attorneys and approve vouchers for compensation and expenses.
- (9) Any other duties assigned by the Court, or any Judge thereof, which are not inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of the United States.

#### Rule 3

# Conduct of Trials and Dispositions of Civil Cases Upon Consent of the Parties -- 28 U.S.C. § 636(c)

Upon the consent of the parties and the approval and referral of the district judge to whom the case is assigned, a full-time magistrate. . . may conduct any or all proceedings in any civil case which is filed in this court, *including the conduct of a jury or nonjury trial*, and may order the entry of a final judgment, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). In the course of conducting such proceedings a magistrate may hear and determine any and all pretrial and post-trial motions which are filed by the parties, including case-dispositive motions.

#### (a) In general

In the course of conducting proceedings in accordance with 28 U.S.C. 636(c) a magistrate shall conform to all applicable provisions of federal statutes and rules, and to the general procedural rules of this court.

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### (b) Special provisions for the disposition of cases

#### (1) Notice.

The clerk of court shall notify the parties in all civil cases that they may consent to a magistrate conduct any or all proceedings in the case and order the entry of final judgment. . .

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#### Rule 4

# Review of Magistrate Judge Orders and Recommendations and Appeals to District Judge of Civil Cases Tried by Consent.

## (a) Nondispositive Matters.

Review of an order entered by a magistrate judge in a pretrial matter not dispositive of a claim or defense of a party shall be governed by Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(a). The district judge to whom the case is assigned may prescribe supplemental procedures for considering timely objections.

## (b) Dispositive Motions and Prisoner Petitions.

A magistrate judge assigned without consent of the parties to hear a pretrial matter dispositive of a claim or defense of a party or a prisoner petition challenging the conditions of confinement shall enter a recommendation in accordance with Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). A party objecting to the recommended disposition, and a party who desires to respond to another party's objections, shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b). The district judge to whom the case is assigned may prescribe supplemental procedures for considering timely objections.

# (c) Special Master Reports.

Objections to a magistrate judge report filed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 53(e)(2) shall be filed in accordance with that Rule. The district judge to whom the case is assigned may prescribe supplemental procedures for considering timely objections.